

Donna Shalala, Secretary  
U. S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington D. C. 20201

4 1 2 2 '00 JAN 11 AIO 58

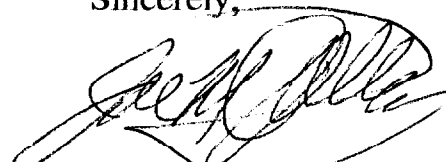
Dear Secretary Shalala:

I am writing to express my concern about the possible weakening of labeling requirements for irradiated food that is being considered by the Food and Drug Administration. I strongly believe that it is my right to know if the food I eat has been treated with radiation.

Food products undergo chemical changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes. These cosmetic and nutritional changes in foods warrant disclosure on a prominent place on the package. In addition, food that is not packaged should be accompanied by a poster in plain view of where it is displayed for sale. Labels are required by law to be truthful and not misleading to the customer. Only clear, honest and permanent labeling is acceptable for irradiated foods.

I hope that you will defend the consumer's right to know in this important decision-making process.

Sincerely,



Joe M Jolley

p.s. This is, of course, copied from an example letter, but it explains exactly how I feel and is probably worded much better than I would have done.

98N-1038

C 4990



Donna Shalala, Secretary  
U. S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington  
DC 20201

